

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/779,850

Attorney Docket No.: Q79919

REMARKS

With this Amendment, Applicant amends claim 1 as attached.

Thus, claims 1, 2 and 4-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims including the amended claim define patentable subject matters.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant files concurrently herewith a Petition (with fee) for an Extension of Time of one month, thereby extending the time for response to **December 22, 2006**. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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Respectfully submitted,

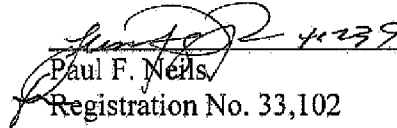
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